attachment. May I know whether this order will go against the spirit of the provisions of the Civil Procedure Code ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is by a mutual understanding. When they take the loan, they give an undertaking that the Head of the Department may capture from their pay at that rate. Therefore, we are only helping them in returning the amount. Otherwise, the Co-operative Societies cannot work, and these people will be largely in arrears.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN MUNICIPALITIES—WORKING OF

9. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House copy of Government Proceedings D. Dis. 26020/15, dated 31st May 1941 regarding the defects in the working of the Public Health Department in Municipalities; what has been proposed or done to cure the defects referred to in the Government Proceedings ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* A copy of the Government Proceedings is placed on the Council Table.

No defects have been referred to in the Government Proceedings.

EXPENDITURE—DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY

10. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the expenses incurred by the Government in the first 10 months of 1116 under the following heads from the allotment made for the Department of Archaeology.—

(*i*) purchase of photographic materials;

(*ii*) blocks for photoprints;

(*b*) how was the lump provision for archaeological works spent in 1116; for what purpose;

(*c*) under whose supervision was the expenses referred to in (*b*) incurred ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) (*i*) Rs. 7—12—0.

(*ii*) Nil.

(*b*) Out of the lump provision of Rs. 500, only Rs. 66 has been spent for the excavation of the Kizhtali temple compound.

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(c) Under the supervision of the Government Archaeologist.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, what is the work that the Government Archaeologist turned out in 1116? From the answer it is clear that he has not expended the amount set apart for his work.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The work turned out by him will be published in the Administration Report.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Was the Administration Report published as the report of any other department and distributed to the public or at least to the members of the Legislative Council?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Till very recently this Departmental Report was being published and distributed. Only a year or two ago, it was ordered that some of these reports need not be printed and published. But copies of these are placed in the Council Library.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Why was the practice stopped?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It was as a general measure of retrenchment and economy that it was ordered that Administration Reports of many departments need not be printed and published.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the excavations of the Kizhthali Temple is the only piece of work done by the Archaeologist during the current year.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In that direction, yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know in what other directions does he work?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He has been conserving archaeological specimens, and he has general supervision and control of the whole department.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Where are these specimens kept?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In the Museum.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether a list is available?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, I think so.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know the result of the excavation ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I have got a report about the results :—

"A portion once covered by a *Mandapam* intended for the *Saptamatrikal* or by the *Chittampalam* of the temple and a small mound found in the centre of the compound only were got excavated. The objects discovered during the course of excavation are noted below.

A three headed female deity with four hands seated with the left leg hung down. The upper right hand of the image is broken off. Otherwise it is in good condition.

One male figure, with four arms—the two upper hands are broken off. It is seated with the left leg hung down. The head of the image is broken at the neck and separated from the body.

One seated female deity, with four arms—the upper hands are broken off. The head of the image is missing.

The lower portion of two seated images each seated with the left leg hung down. Portions above the waist of both the two are missing.

Portion above the waist of a female deity with the head in good condition—hands broken and missing.

Portion above the neck—head alone—the rest of the parts are missing.

Seventeen pieces of granite representing the hands and feet and other limbs of the images".

These are all the articles found out there.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know the importance of this discovery ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I cannot say.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What is the archaeological importance of these images ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is a question that has got to be investigated.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Who broke the neck ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We cannot get heads when there are no heads there *(Laughter)*.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Are the excavations complete ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Is there a proposal to excavate the Cheraman paramba at Cranganur ?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. But the allotment was not sufficient to do it fully, and therefore it was, for the time being, put off.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What was the allotment?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* About Rs. 250, and that was not at all sufficient. We wanted two to three thousand rupees.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* May I know when these excavations were made?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In 1115 and 1116.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* May I know whether any attempt was made to study these?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They have got to be referred to the Archaeological Department.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Is he actually studying these?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He is just returned from leave.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* During the period when he was on leave, who was acting in his place?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Head clerk was in charge of the current duties.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What is the qualification of the present Archaeologist?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is reported that he has studied archaeology in Santiniketan.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether any photos were taken of the various finds of the temple?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I have got a plan. But I want notice to say whether any photos were taken.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to depute the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur as an Hon'ble Archaeologist to investigate these sites?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* If he applies in that direction Government will consider it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to depute the Assistant Superintendent of the Law Department who will do better work than the present Archaeologist?

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Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christans-Ernakulam):* May I suggest that the expert in the Maharaja's College may be asked to work along with the Archaeologist?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is a resolution coming up about that and we will discuss these things then.

MAYORAL CHAIN & ROBES FOR CHAIRMEN OF MUNICIPALITIES—PROPOSAL BY MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

11. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was not a proposal made by the Municipal Conference to supply Mayoral chain and robes to Chairmen of the Municipalities of the State;

(*b*) whether the proposal was accepted by the Government;

(*c*) if not, why not; will Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House copies of the resolution referred to in (*a*) and Government Proceedings D. Dis. 8463/16 dated 28th March 1941?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Government did not think that Chairmen of the Municipalities of the State should wear such chain and robes. Copies of the resolution and the G. P. are placed on the Council Table.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the proposal was that Government should supply the Mayoral robes?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No, at the cost of the Municipalities.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the objection in allowing them to wear this paraphernalia?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There was no unanimity of opinion among the Municipalities themselves. Moreover, we found that in the District Municipalities in British India this custom did not exist. These were the two main reasons.

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